IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is amended below with a replacement paragraph showing added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 3, with the following paragraph:

Fig. 7 exemplifies the registered commodity data 102 managed by the center 10. In the registered commodity data 102, a company code, a commodity ~~code.~~ code, a commodity name, information indicating either a sale or a purchase, information about a transaction price and ~~mount~~ amount, etc. are registered. When the commodity data 201 and the conditional data 202 on the purchasing side 20 and the commodity data 301 and the conditional data 302 on the selling side 30 are uploaded to the center 10, they are stored and managed by the center 10. Therefore, if a company which desires to make a transaction can reference the commodity information registered by other companies by searching the registered commodity data.